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1. By August 1952 the Chinese Communists had installed radar and searchlights on the top of the Park Hotel, one of the highest buildings in Shanghai. This is the highest air defense command post in Shanghai. The personnel at this post included six Chinese Communists and three Soviets. The post was manned 24 hours a day in three shifts, with two Chinese and one Soviet on duty during each shift.

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2. In September 1952 a warehouse at Lungt'an¹ in the eastern outskirts of Canton near T'ienho Airfield was being used by the Chinese Communist Air Force. Constructed of brick with a tin roof, the warehouse measured about 200 feet in length, 60 feet in width, and 30 feet in height. Equipment stored there included 500 flying suits, 400 mosquito nets, 50 iron beds, 300 cotton padded covers, 800 enlisted men's uniforms, and 500 cotton padded coats.
3. In the spring of 1952 the Chinese Communists began increasing the length and width of the runways, building additional hangars, and constructing gasoline and ammunition dumps at the Chihchiang Airfield (N 29-26, E 109-42) in west Hunan. CH'EN Chun (7115/6874), deputy of the Hunan Provincial Industrial and Commercial Department, was made construction supervisor of the expansion project at the airfield. The work was scheduled to be completed by 1 August 1952. The project was hampered by difficulties encountered in transporting materials and by the desertion of workers who were discontented with low wages. Some of the deserters joined guerrilla

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groups who raided the airfield and disrupted construction. On 21 July 1952 CH'EN Chun went to Ch'angsha (N 28-12, E 112-59) to report that the construction could not be completed on schedule. HUANG K'o-ch'eng (7806/0344/6134), the Communist leader in Hunan, blamed CH'EN Chun for failure to report in advance the obstacles hindering the work and to submit a plan to remedy the situation. CH'EN was arrested.

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